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In re application of:

**PFIUEGER**

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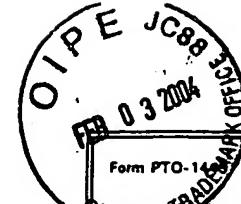
Each of these documents was cited in related (parent) application Serial No. 10/093,765 filed March 8, 2002. Therefore, no copies of these documents are submitted herewith.

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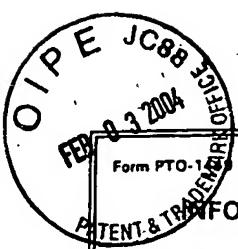
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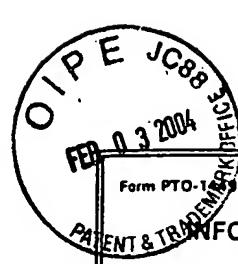
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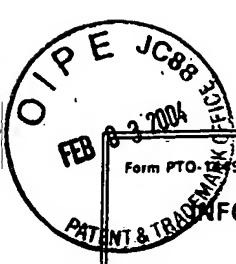
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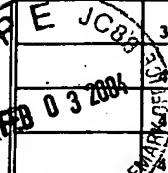
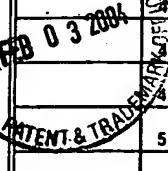
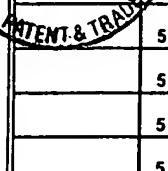
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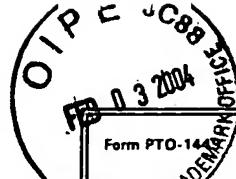
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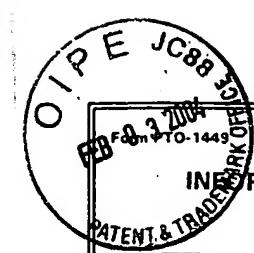
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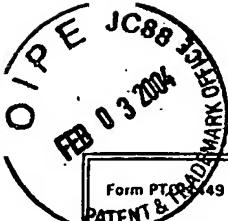
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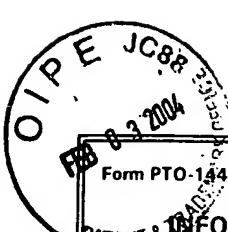
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